

Dungeon or Draft!!!

There is no such thing as too many troops ready for war. It is essential that America is always ready to fight and has soldiers ready to be deployed, especially since a surplus may be needed in addition to the hundreds of thousands that will be sent out to protect the country at any given moment. The nation is required to do what is needed to meet these needs, however, it is not necessary by any means to imprison a citizen who does not wish to be drafted.

Everyday, American citizens work hard to pay taxes, help keep the nation running, and make choices that are best for the country. There is no reason to draft honest citizens who already do their part and do not wish to be drafted. Imagine a man, or even a woman with a family, being forced to leave home and join the army or get imprisoned. They would unfairly be taken away from their family for a reason they didn't even have a say in. Not everyone is fit for the military either. The physical and mental aspect of it is quite stressful; much more stressful than it may appear or seem. Physical strength as well as mental strength are beyond important. Even if the government picks out the physically fit, and mentally stable, there are always prepared and trained troops at a base somewhere in America who have never seen action that actually want to go. Even if the country is at a point of shortage for militant populists, drafting is unfair and even violates the rights of our Constitution. What is the point of having a Constitution if we don't even follow it?

The Core Democratic Values protected by our Constitution involved in a case like this are Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness. As American people, the right of Life is guaranteed, which means life is lived according to the owner. Getting drafted is

dangerous since soldiers are always at risk of getting shot. Liberty allows choice and minimizes restrictions to what the government can demand of a person. Drafting somebody or imprisoning them for disagreeing with the draft is unfair and violates liberty, since they are being forced without say or opinion to what happens. Pursuit of Happiness allows one to act as they wish as long as they are not interfering with the rights of others. In reality, the government is denying the right of Pursuit of Happiness since they are punishing somebody for not doing as the government says, even though it goes against that person's rights. In fact, the government, who initially assigned the rights are the ones most often denying them. Even so, there is evidence that the pros weigh out the cons in a situation like this.

As an American citizen, one must be prepared to serve their country and perform their civic duties. Even though preparation is not as intense or thorough and the situation may not come as natural to a draftee, some training would be given to someone who has been drafted to prepare for what is important. Desperate times call for desperate measures so when more people are needed and nobody is volunteering, more soldiers must be sought after and if somebody is not willing to fight and earn the freedoms they have been given, why would freedom be deserved? In such cases, a simpler, more appropriate solution could be bribery or extra pay if somebody volunteers. Prison is a bit drastic for something like refusal to be drafted. Prison is for criminals, not for innocent, hard working citizens who value life and don't find war appealing. When the Constitution was created, nothing was said about having to be drafted or perform a civic duty this intense in order to earn rights. If somebody lives in America, they live by the rights that come with living in this country.

America the beautiful; land of the *FREE* and the home of the brave! This would not be the home of the free if there were not rules or regulations that state America to be free. Since the constitution, Bill of Rights, and other documents exist, citizens of America are able to live free. However, if imprisonment is the result of refusing to be drafted, rights are being violated. If the nation wanted to make it illegal to turn down a draft request or demand, this should have been considered before creating rights protecting against such requests. There are alternate solutions for desperate situations as well as populated bases ready to send troops ready to fight. Although as Americans, pride for this country is important, there are other ways to display appreciation besides drafting and taking away American freedoms to do so. Clearly, imprisonment for something as ridiculous a situation as this is not appropriate, Constitutional, or necessary.